

Minutes Ad Hoc Committee on Rental Regulations

November 9, 2016

1. **Members Present:** Chairperson T. Moran called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm, B. Ryan, M. Sargent, C. Ausburger, V. Ward, P. Aho
2. **Other Council Members Present:** P. Shapiro arrived 6:15
3. **Staff Present:** M. Ninteau, J. Mullen, L. Painter, M. Hart
4. **Approval of Minutes:** August 10, 2016 Moved Ward, Second Sargent Approved unanimous with correction. September 14, 2016 Moved Ryan, Second Ausburger approved unanimous
5. **Public Comment:** B. Shafer Echo Road thanked the committee for the content and quality of the packet. J. Gorton 1 Dog Lane urged the committee to take into account the positive qualities of fraternities and sororities into consideration during their discussions. H. Sywinski 44 Storrs Heights commented that there are several students residing within his neighborhood and that they have created a negative impact on the quality of life in that community. He is concerned that overcrowding violations are not being enforced.
6. **Staff Reports:** M. Ninteau explained that site inspections for overcrowding, blight and parking are continuing on a daily basis. He also provided a sample packet of information that is sent to new landlords. J. Mullen spoke briefly regarding enforcement of regulations that have been transferred to the Building and Housing Department. She also discussed research she is conducting regarding what other college host communities do with regard to occupancy limitations. Staff provided a sample mailing piece for the committee's review which was approved for distribution. L Painter reviewed proposed web based content and an FAQ document that would be made available to the public regarding regulations. M. Hart ask the committee to provide guidance and set goals to establish conditions that would achieve a balance between tenants and families residing in the same neighborhoods. He also presented data that indicates the number of Nuisance tickets has increased over the same period last year.
7. **Presentation:** A presentation was given by 4 staff members from the university regarding the oversight of Greek associations. An outline was distributed and each aspect was covered by the various members making the presentation. The committee and guests exchanged ideas of possible actions that could be taken to enhance the effectiveness of programs and achieve mutual goals.
8. **Future Discussion Topics:** The following topics were flagged for future discussion:
 - Goal setting
 - Election of Vice Chair
 - Staff to provide data on number of properties no longer exempt from regulations as a result of language changes
 - Presentation with Town Attorney regarding Greek issues in zoning regulations
9. **Adjournment:** By unanimous consent 8:00

Respectfully submitted.

Mike Ninteau, Director of Building & Housing Inspection